THE CHURCHES AND TO-DAY'S SERVICES

INDEPENDENCE

Sermon by

REV. THOMAS B. GREGORY.

In that delightful old book, "The Gallitan of Sadie," we read: "They asked Hatim, 'Have you ever met or heard of a man superior to yourself?' He answered, 'Yes, one day I had made a sacrifice of forty camels, and invited the chief of every Arab tribe to the feast.'

"Then I repaired to the border of the desert, where I met a woodcutter who had tied up his faggots to carry it into the city. I said, 'Why do you not go to the feast of the Hatim, where a crown has assembled around the carpet?' He replied, 'Whoever can eat the bread of his own industry will not lay himself under obligation to Hatim'—and in the woodcutter I met my superior."

There is another old book, of which, like the Arabian, we Occidentals are far too ignorant, that is full of beautiful things, one of the most beautiful things of its class. They shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid.

PROUD, HAPPY PICTURE OF BLESSED OLD INDEPENDENCE.

It is a picture of the proud, happy independence of which every self-respecting person has more than one ideal—the independence for which every one should ardently strive.

John Ball said that the fig tree sat a true king, a man who was his own master, proud of his freedom, and scornful of the fancied allurements of servility.

Under that vine or fig tree sat a man who preferred the desert and its scanty fruits, with freedom, to the flesh pots of old Egypt with its slavery under the Egyptian lash.

Socrates was one day invited by a great king to leave the dusty streets of Athens and come to live at his court, whereupon the old philosopher replied: "Meat is only two pennies a week in Athens, and I can eat all the water I want for nothing."

It was by that sort of man that it became possible for the earth to realize the "glory which was Greece and the grandeur which was Rome."

It was what admired the Persians at Marathon and Salamis, thus saving the white man's civilization from being swamped in the great Oriental wave. We freemen will eat the bread of our own industry and know what it was to be in every respect, to be independent.

THEY BOWED TO NO MASTER; EACH WAS A FREEMAN.

And the men who, beginning with the little camp on the Tiber, reared the mighty republic, never knew what it was to bend the prostrate hinges of the knee that "thrift might follow fawning." They bowed down to no master. Each one was a freeman.

Cincinnatus, Cincinnatus, the Scipios, with the rest of the immortal company, knew more than the republic what it was, thought more of their personal independence than they did of anything else in the world, and would have died before parting with it.

It was men like that who built the republic, and the republic did not begin to totter until the "Root-Hog-or-Die" crowd, the "Hamlets" who felt no thrill of manly independence.

What American needs to be told that the man who made this country and gave it a place among the nations of the earth were strong believers in the independence of the individual man.

From General Washington down to the humblest private in the ranks the sentiment prevailed among the patriots that what of an uncompromising self-respect the spirit of the man, so that of the nation.

The fight for American independence was won by the farmers and artisans who, for the most part, owned the realm that sheltered them and the soil from which they made their bread.

From the private homes, belonging to those who lived in them, rushed the men who were not to be bribed by British gold nor cajoled by British threats.

We may well wonder what might have happened had the men of the Revolutionary period been of the sort of men we have today.

We distinctly hear Patrick Henry, the fearless, saying, "Fight! Your homes and your firesides! Your fortunes! Knew perfectly well what it meant. But how about the other slogan, 'Fight for your flats and your radiators'? Flats that don't belong to you and radiators that don't work when you if they did! Here, with no more inspiration than that, the patriots would probably have gone down before the cohorts of King George, and the battle would have been lost.

DEPENDENT ATMOSPHERE KILLS HEROIC VIRTUES.

Democracy breeds servility, and in the atmosphere that it creates the heroic virtues perish like rats in an exhausted receiver.

It is only in the air of freedom that personal independence that great men and women can be reared. When the individual is swallowed up in the state, when the private soul becomes but a cog, as it were, in one of the wheels of a great machine, then we have Roman and Russian conditions, and democracy cannot live together in the same soil.

And here may we see the danger of any form of centralism, governmental, industrial or intellectual, for it is as certain as anything can be in this world that our country, at our fathers' place it, cannot last long after its people shall have become the servile beneficiary of any special or dominant ruling principle.

To preserve this republic we must preserve the spirit of the men who founded it, which was none other than the spirit of a manly independence.

If this republic is to live, it needs to be kept full of real men, not puppets, men who shall know their own minds, men who shall have a mind of their own, men who shall be able to say, "Thus far and no farther," men who shall be able to say, "Thus far and no farther" to the encroachments of any form of tyrannical government.

PRAYER FOR CESSATION OF EUROPEAN WARFARE

President Set Aside First Sunday in September for Service, Asking God of Great Conflict.

Christian people of the state of Virginia do you believe in prayer? Do you believe that the Lord Jehovah God that rolled over the waters of Israel, that gave them passage through and water from the rocks to drink, will hear prayers today? The same God that came down from heaven and commanded the waters of the Jordan from Heaven that some God had caused the great River Jordan to open wide a dry space for all the armies of Israel to pass over safely? Can he do that this good will not hear our prayers today?

The trouble is we do not pray enough and we do not have faith in our prayers. God is just as good and careful now as He ever was. He loves the soul of man just as much as He ever did. He wants to save men just as much now as He ever wanted to save them. He wants to save them just as much now as He ever wanted to save them when He cared for Paul and Silas. God wants your prayers and He will hear down with an attentive ear to every plea that we make.

Then let us set aside a Sabbath morning—say the first Sabbath in September—for a prayer service for this awful war that is taking away the lives of so many precious men and sending them into eternity with hatred in their hearts for the enemy. Can you realize how many precious mothers are weeping over their lost sons. How many widows are made destitute? How many dear, sweet, little children are without the tender love and care of a gentle father?

Dear Christian people, we all of us, descended from one of these warring nations. Do you not love the old country? Then let every newspaper and Christian in Virginia be the first one to call Sunday morning, September ... the morning of prayer, at 11 o'clock, leave prayers and praising God and asking Him to bring about peace—if it be His divine plan and will. Let every newspaper and every individual advocate this plan, and see if the number at church that morning would not be greater than it ever was in the history of the American people. It is hoped and prayed by the writer that this plan will meet with divine and personal approval, and that this will start the people of our grand old State to working and praying for peace in the Motherland.

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CONSTRUCTIVE WORK IS BEING DONE BY Y. M. C. A.

Army and Navy Department Has Been Known Since Spanish-American War.

Ever since the Spanish-American War a strong, sane, constructive Christian work has been conducted for the men of the United States Army and Navy by the Young Men's Christian Association in its Army and Navy Department, as it has come to be known, says the Christian Herald. Trained secretaries are sent by land and sea to do their work and live their lives with soldiers, sailors and marines. So it was that when our forces were ordered to move on Vera Cruz, W. W. Elder, who for months had been following the fortunes of the marines from Pensacola to Culebra, then back to Pensacola again, wired in to headquarters: "Marines ordered to Vera Cruz. I am ready to go. Waiting orders." He went. So helpful had the work of the association been at one great manoeuvre camp that Colonel Berry, commanding the Fourth Field Artillery, sent a most urgent appeal asking that association workers might go to Vera Cruz with the army. So along with the artillerymen and their death-dealing guns went W. W. Chaffee equipped to fight the great battle for men's souls. Along with the cases of shell and shrapnel that were loaded on the transport, there went a 28x36 tent, a portable electric light plant for illumination and the projection of motion pictures, scores of sets of chess, checkers, dominoes and other games. There were hundreds of pounds of magazines and thousands of sheets of stationery, and there were Bibles too—all to be furnished free to the men.

How to Stop War.

Now the only real way to stop war is to train up a race of human beings to whom everything that suggests war will be loathsome, sickening, disgusting, utterly revolting. And this is a process which is already splendidly under way.

Human flesh was not made to be torn and gashed by bullets and bayonets. Human bones were not made to be shattered by projectiles and bombs. Human eyes were not made to be shot to bits. Human limbs were not made to be wrenched or cut away by sword and shrapnel. Human blood was not made to be smeared on the dust of battlefields. The Christian Herald.

ST. PAUL'S NEW ORGANIST WILL ARRIVE THIS WEEK

E. Claxington Barker Will Succeed Jacob Reinhardt, Director for Many Years.

E. Claxington Barker, of Baltimore, N. C., who has accepted the position of organist and choir director at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, is expected to arrive in Richmond the first of the week to begin his new work. For the last ten years Mr. Barker has been organist and choir director at All Souls' Church, at Biltmore, where he was a leader in the musical circles of that town and also in Asheville. He will succeed Jacob Reinhardt, one of the best known musicians in Richmond, who has been organist and choir director at St. Paul's for the past thirty-six years.

After such a long and faithful service the retirement of Mr. Reinhardt is deeply regretted by attendants at St. Paul's Church, but it is understood that he will still take part in the musical work. Mr. Reinhardt has been of material assistance in establishing the splendid reputation of the choir of St. Paul's, which is regarded as one of the best in the South. His work as an organist has also been of the highest order, and the musical programs arranged and directed by him have shown the work of a skillful and talented musician.

The first musical program under the direction of the new organist will probably be rendered at St. Paul's next Sunday, and it is understood that a program of especial interest is being arranged.

Mr. Barker was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, and at an early age he showed a decided talent for music. His teachers in organ, harmony and composition were G. C. Dawson, organist of St. Nicholas Cathedral, Aberdeen; Arthur W. Marchant, Oxford, and T. Tertius Noble, organist and composer, York Minister, England. Mr. Barker filled with success the position of organist and choirmaster, Ferryhill Parish Church, Aberdeen, Scotland, and of suborganist at York Minister, England. He also served for a time as organist and choirmaster at All Saints' Church, Huntington, England, and as organist and choirmaster at St. Martin-le-Grand, York, England.

In July, 1909, he was awarded the associate diploma from the Royal College of Organists, of London, by examination. Mr. Barker came to the United States in 1911, and for a time worked in New York City. Attracted by his ability as a musician the late George W. Vanderbilt, owner of the Biltmore estate, secured his services as organist and choir director in All Souls' Church, at Biltmore. Here Mr. Barker worked until 1914, when he resigned to return to a larger field in New York City. In 1907 he returned to Biltmore, however, where he has been ever since.

As a composer of songs, pianoforte and organ pieces, church services and anthems, Mr. Harker has gained a splendid reputation. Many of the musical selections which he plays are of his own composition, and in these numbers the organist is said to be at his best. Mr. Harker's relations with the choir and vestry at All Souls' Church were particularly pleasant and harmonious, and the people of Biltmore and Asheville deeply regretted his departure. By Richmond people the new organist and choirmaster will be accorded a hearty welcome, and music lovers of the city are looking forward with much pleasure to the opportunities which will be afforded them to enjoy his work.

RULERS PLANNED WAR. PEACE ADVOCATE SAYS

Representative of Federal Council, Churches of Christ, Gives His Views Upon Conflict.

Responsibility for the war is laid upon the rulers of Europe by Sidney L. Gulick, representative of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Under the caption, "Outbreak of the European War and the Peace Conference at Constance," Mr. Gulick says:

"No feeling found more common expression among the peace delegates than that of pity and sorrow for Germany; while the soldiers may be there, the people were friendly. And even the soldiers no doubt believe that the war is essentially one of defense of Fatherland rather than that of aggression. The responsibility for the awful situation lies upon the ambitious and unprincipled rulers of the nations, who have been deceiving the peoples for a score of years and more, rather than upon the people, who want peace. The final responsibility for the war cannot be laid upon Germany or Russia, or even Austria alone. It lies rather upon all the nations who have believed that might makes right. Neither England nor France are blameless in this matter."

LOCAL CHURCH NOTICES

First Presbyterian—Preaching services will be held this morning at 11 o'clock. There will be no evening service.

Second Presbyterian—Rev. H. Tucker Graham, D. D., president of Hampden-Sidney College, will preach this morning. The evening services have been discontinued.

Grace Street Presbyterian—The morning services will be conducted by Rev. W. J. McMillan, D. D. No night services will be held.

Church of the Covenant—While the pastor is away, Rev. M. M. Gray will conduct the services. Union services will be held to-night in the First English Lutheran Evangelical Church, with preaching by Rev. George W. Kemper.

Third Presbyterian—Rev. George E. Henderlite, of Brazil, will preach this morning. There will be no evening services.

Grace Street Baptist—Rev. Cosby M. Robertson, of Cambridge, Md., will conduct the services this morning. No services will be held to-night.

Grove Avenue Baptist—The pulpit will be occupied this morning by Rev. J. L. Rosser. No services will be held to-night.

Second Baptist—In the absence of the pastor, Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D., Rev. John E. White, pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga., will preach at both morning and evening services.

Leigh Street Baptist—Rev. S. W. Melton, D. D., of Norfolk, will occupy the pulpit this morning at 11 o'clock and to-night at 8 o'clock.

Calvary Baptist—Rev. William J. Clark will preach this morning at 11 o'clock. There will be no evening services.

Centenary Methodist—Rev. W. J. Young, D. D., will preach his farewell sermon to-night before leaving for Atlanta, Ga., where he will assume charge of the chair of theology at the Vanderbilt University. He will also conduct the morning services.

Broad Street Methodist—The pulpit will be occupied this morning by Rev. J. A. Winn, pastor of the Barton Heights Methodist Church. Rev. W. L. Smith will preach to-night at 8:15 o'clock on "The One-Talent Man."

Monumental Methodist—Rev. R. H. Potts, the pastor, will preach this morning at 11 o'clock, and to-night at 8:15 o'clock.

Union Station Methodist—The morning services will be conducted by Rev. T. McN. Simpson, D. D., presiding elder of Richmond district. Rev. J. R. Eggleston will preach to-night.

Fairmount Avenue Methodist—"Consistency—What a Jewel!" will be the subject of the sermon to be preached by Rev. E. V. Carson this morning. His evening theme will be "Drifting." Special music will be rendered.

Park Place Methodist—Rev. J. E. Osler will preach this morning. No services will be held to-night.

Clay Street Methodist—The pastor will preach at both services, taking for his morning subject, "The Glory of the Commonplace." He will preach to-night on "The Only Way It Can Be Done, or Reasons for the Prohibition of the Legalized Liquor Traffic."

Henry Street Methodist—Rev. T. J. Taylor, of Norfolk, will preach both morning and evening.

Trinity Methodist—Rev. Starke Jett, the pastor, will conduct the morning services.

Laurel Street Methodist—Rev. J. M. Rowland will preach this morning on "The Records of Religion." His evening theme will be "The Sheep That Went Astray."

St. James Episcopal—The regular morning prayer service will be held and the sermon preached at 11 o'clock. At this service Benjamin J. Potter, associate of the Royal College of Organists, will preside at the organ and render several selections. Rev. Churchill Chamberlayne will occupy the pulpit.

Christ Episcopal—Rev. Charles W. Sydnor, the rector, will preach this morning and hold the prayer service this morning and to-night at 8 o'clock.

First Church of Christ Scientist—Regular services will be held this morning, the subject being "Christ Jesus."

Hanover Avenue Christian—Rev. George W. Kemper, the minister, will conduct the morning services. Union services will be held to-night at 8:15 o'clock in the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, with the following churches uniting: First English Lutheran, Westminster Presbyterian, Church of the Covenant and Hanover Avenue Christian.

Colonial Place Christian—Following Sunday school at 4:30 o'clock, preaching services will be held.

First English Evangelical Lutheran—Rev. J. A. Scherer, Jr., will conduct the morning services. Union services will be held to-night at 8:15 o'clock.

Young Men's Christian Association—Following the discussion of last Sunday on "The City as It Is," the same theme will be continued at the meeting of the Men's Life Problem Club this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the topic being "The City as It Is to Be." The discussion will be led by General Secretary S. K. McKee.

Special Meeting for Boys—A meeting of the Gray Hi-Shi-Ni Club will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the boys' rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association. Howard S. Dangle will deliver an address on "Aim Hi."

Salvation Army Meeting—An interesting meeting, with Adjutant Elmer Johnston in charge, is planned to be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock in Byrd Park. Captain George Nichols, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a member of the Salvation Army National Staff Band, will be the soloist. Adjutant M. Johnston and Ensign Mrs. Noyes will sing. Miss Amy C. Woods, national organizer of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of America, will be the principal speaker.

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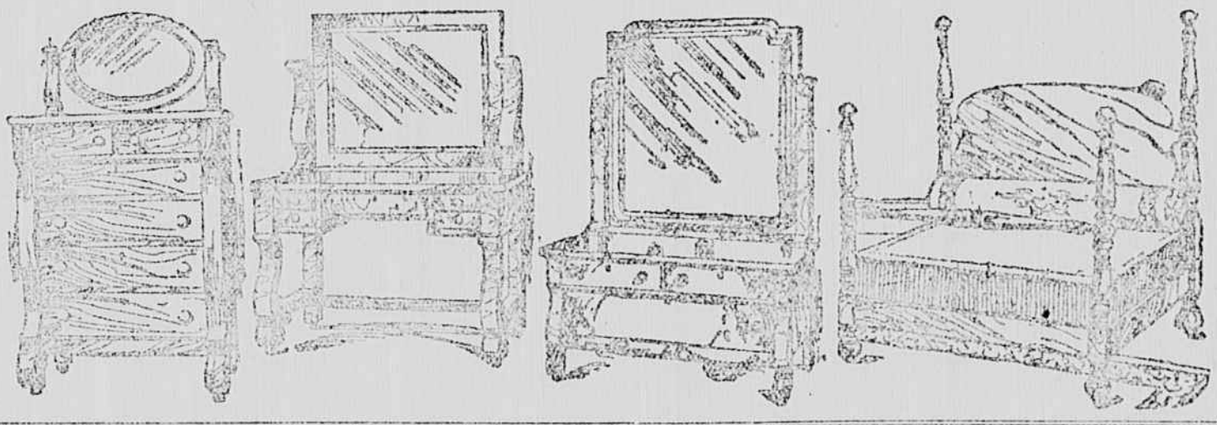

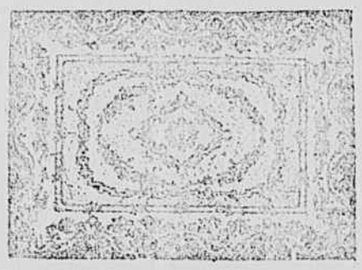

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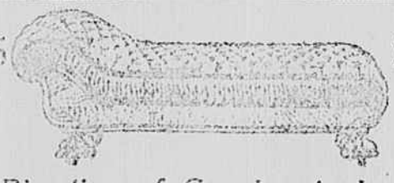

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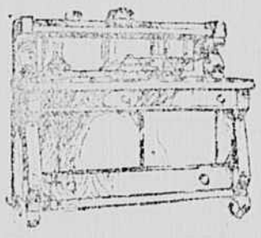

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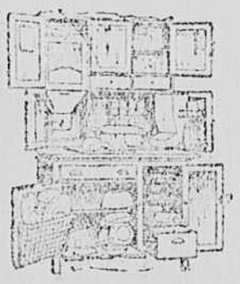

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The DOCTOR'S ADVICE

by Dr. Lewis Baker

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Those wishing further advice, free, may address Dr. Lewis Baker, College Bldg., College-Ellwood Sts., Dayton, O., enclosing self-addressed stamped envelope for reply. Full name and address must be given, but only initials or fictitious name will be used in the answers. The prescriptions are filled at any well-stocked drug store. Any druggist can order of wholesaler.

Mrs. Belle C. writes: "I am much afraid I have some trouble, and that it is of a serious nature. My symptoms are as follows: If your symptoms are the same, there is a pain under the chest, swelling ankles, stand, coronic constipation, urine, accompanied by headaches, pains, depression, fever, etc. If so, I would advise the immediate use of Kidney Pills, a very reliable remedy for kidney troubles, sold in 50c boxes with full directions for self-administration.

James E. Ellis: "For several months I have not been feeling well. My skin is yellow, tongue is coated, have headache, dizziness, nervous and irritable, with chronic constipation. What can I do?"

Answer: You need a laxative blood purifying treatment in the form of Kerasin sulphur tablets, not only to overcome the tendency to constipation and gradually your good health and pure blood will return.

Floor Sweeper writes: "Is it possible to find a medicine which, by its tonic or nutritive powers, will bring the glow of health and ambition back to a wreck of a man, who is useless to the world and himself, and bring back to a home its happiness? I am dull, nervous, weak, tremulous, short of breath, and suffer more or less with pain in spine and back of head."

Answer: Your condition indicates the need of a strong, harmless tonic-nutritive to restore nerve equilibrium, which in turn fortifies and strengthens the organs of nutrition, thus vitalizing the blood and promoting a well and vigorous state of the whole system. The prescription, sulphur tablets, packed in sealed tubes with full directions, are recommended in all such cases.

C. L. B. asks: "The weather being so hot, I find it hard to work and feel, with excess of fat on my body. Can I safely reduce my weight, and how?"

Answer: Go to a well-stocked drug store and get five grain arbolene tablets in sealed tube with complete directions. Take as directed, and you should soon feel the relief you desire. Many of my patients report quick results without any harmful action whatever.

Ellen J. asks: "Tell me, please, how I can increase my weight and improve my color. I seem to be nervous, weak and tired all the time."

Answer: Begin taking three-grain hypo-nuclein tablets with your meals and soon you will feel your strength growing and gradually your weight and color will improve. This is a most effective remedy if persistently used.

J. W. W. asks: "Can you prescribe a reliable treatment to get rid of dandruff, itching and feverish scalp?"

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